

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

JOHN JACKSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

BMO HARRIS BANK and MERITER
HOSPITAL,

Defendants.

ORDER

Case No. 14-cv-122-bbc

JOHN JACKSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

U.S. CELLULAR and WISCONSIN
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN,

Defendants.

ORDER

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Plaintiff John Jackson has filed two proposed civil complaints, alleging that Defendants have violated his rights. Plaintiff has asked for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and has supported his request with an affidavit of indigency. The standard for determining whether plaintiff qualifies for indigent status is the following:

- From plaintiff's annual gross income, the court subtracts \$3,700 for each dependent excluding the plaintiff.
- If the balance is less than \$16,000, the plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$16,000 but less than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay half the fees and costs.

- If the balance is greater than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay all fees and costs.
- Substantial assets or debts require individual consideration.

In this circumstance, plaintiff has no dependents and is currently unemployed. Plaintiff receives approximately \$9,600 in social security benefits per year. Plaintiff has no substantial assets. Accordingly, plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees or costs.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The motions filed by plaintiff John Jackson for leave to proceed without prepayment of fees (Dkts. ## 2, 2) are GRANTED.
2. No further action will be taken in this case until the court has screened the complaints pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to determine whether either case must be dismissed because the complaint is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. Once the screening process is complete for each case, a separate order will issue.

Entered this 24th day of February, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

/s/
PETER OPPENEER
Magistrate Judge